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## NATIONAL BROILER MARKET-AT-A-GLANCE



Trade sentiment was fully steady to firm. Retail and food service demand was slow to instances fairly good, and supplies were close to tight as movement, availability, plant schedules, and deliveries continued to be affected in the East and Midwest by severe winter weather. In the parts structure, trading was fair to active. Supplies of all items were close to tight with wings moving seasonally well and dark meat aided by export needs. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at mostly desirable weights.

**GEORGIA F.O.B. DOCK PRICES** The Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted price on broilers/fryers for next week's trading advanced .50 cents to 70.50 cents based on full truck load lots of ice-packed USDA grade "A" sized 2 1/2 to 3 pound birds. This compares to 62.50 cents last year on January 29, 2003.

Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted prices on ice-packed parts for next week's trading.

ITEM	DOCK PRICE (CENTS PER POUND)
LINE RUN TENDERS	208.50
BREASTS - B/S	183.00
BREASTS - WHOLE	97.50
THIGH MEAT - B/S	98.50
LEG QUARTERS	34.00
WINGS	118.00

This information is supplied by the Georgia Department of Agriculture's Poultry Market News Service.

**SOUTHERN** Trade sentiment was fully steady to firm. Demand was fair to moderate with trading active and at higher levels. Supplies were balanced to short of full trade needs. Schedules were normal to at times light due to snow and ice causing plant closures in parts of South Carolina earlier this week. In the parts structure, movement was moderate to good with availability of all supplies no more than adequate to very tight and held with confidence. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at mostly desirable weights.

**NORTHEAST** Trucklot buying interest on ready-to-cook whole broiler/fryers was fair to mostly moderate as inclement winter weather continued to blanket the Northeast and dealers carefully assessed needs. Offerings of all sizes were in close balanced to short with premiums noted. Product availability was irregular as ice and snow hampered both production and deliveries. Movement through retail and distributive channels was fair to moderate. The market tone was fully steady to firm. In the parts complex, breast items were balanced to tight. Dark meat cuts were clearing well with export interest noted. Wings were seasonally short of full needs.

**MIDWEST** Trade sentiment on whole fryers firm. Offers of additional whole fryers were limited but adequate for buyers needs. Retail and food service movement was generally slow to instances fairly good as extreme winter weather impacts activity. Floor stocks were adequate to ample as many buyers reduce volumes on incoming shipments. Sizes were mostly desirable. Supplies of all parts items were in close balance to short of full trade needs. The market tone firm on all parts.

**WESTERN** The market tone was fully steady. Offerings were adequate. Buying activity was only fair and centered on regular needs. Retailer demand was fair to fairly good best to cover features. Floor stocks adequate.

### CHICK PLACEMENT AND EGG SET TOTAL

19 STATES			PERCENT CHANGE
WEEK ENDING 01/10/04	2004	2003	PREVIOUS YEAR
EGGS SET	205,000	204,707	0
CHICKS PLACED	165,359	166,045	0

### BROILER EGGS SET IN 19 SELECTED STATES UP SLIGHTLY

Commercial hatcheries in the 19-State weekly program set 205 million eggs in incubators during the week ending January 24, 2004. This was up slightly from the eggs set the corresponding week a year earlier. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week was 82 percent. Average hatchability is calculated by dividing chicks hatched during the week by eggs set three weeks earlier.

### CHICKS PLACED DOWN SLIGHTLY

Broiler growers in the 19-State weekly program placed 165 million chicks for meat production during the week ending January 24, 2004. Placements were down slightly from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from December 28, 2003 through January 24, 2004 were 667 million, up 2 percent from the same period a year earlier.

**WEEKLY FRYERS AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING** Based on the preliminary chick placements, the number of fryers available for the marketing during the week ending 5-Mar-04 is estimated at 152.8 million head. This compares to 153.7 million head the previous week and to 155.2 million head the same week a year ago, when the slaughter was 153.4 million head and the composite weighted average price was 60.83 cents per pound.

JANUARY 27, 2004

## SOUTHERN STATES BROILER/FRYER PARTS

JANUARY 28, 2004

F.O.B. DOCK OR EQUIVALENT, ICED-PACKED, PRICES SHOWN ARE DAY OF SHIPMENT (INCLUDES CURRENT AND PRIOR NEGOTIATIONS), TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUME, CENTS PER POUND.

ITEM	POUNDS (000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
BREAST - B/S	875	168.00-255.00	172-176	180.34
TENDERLOINS	183	165.00-218.00	168-172	173.63
BREAST - LINE RUN	122	94.00-98.00	94-95	94.70
FRONT HALVES	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
LEGS	119	43.00-54.00	43-45	44.76
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	329	30.00-32.00	30-31	30.24
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	574	31.00-34.00	33-34	33.44
WINGS (WHOLE)	295	114.00-121.00	114-116	116.19
WINGS (CUT)	347	128.00-139.00	130-135	133.63
DRUMSTICKS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
B/S THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			

ITEM	POUNDS (000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
BREAST - B/S	890	170.00-255.00	174-179	182.37
TENDERLOINS	250	167.00-220.00	170-175	176.82
BREAST - LINE RUN	84	94.00-98.00	94-96	94.31
FRONT HALVES	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
LEGS	105	44.00-54.00	45-46	46.52
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	484	30.00-32.00	31-32	31.44
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	850	33.00-35.00	33-34	33.74
WINGS (WHOLE)	355	116.00-122.00	116-117	116.76
WINGS (CUT)	527	129.00-140.00	134-137	135.65
DRUMSTICKS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
B/S THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			

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WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS TRADING FOR — F.O.B. DOCK.

RANGE	TODAY'S AVERAGE	RANGE	TODAY'S AVERAGE	5-DAY AVERAGE
61.50 - 65.50	62.78	60.50 - 66.50	64.56	62.34

The Index is intended solely as an indicator of values for commodity-type product and does not represent industry's willingness to sell or ability to buy.

## NORTHEAST BROILER/FRYER PARTS

Trucklot buying activity was mostly fair to moderate as dealers assessed market conditions as adverse weather continues to hamper production and transportation throughout the region. Offerings of breast items were in close balance to tight. Dark meat cuts were closely cleared. Wings were short of full needs. Movement through retail and distributive movement was fair to moderate with best draw centering around planned features. The market tone was was fully steady to firm on breast items and wings; fully steady on dark meat cuts.

\*PRICES PAID PER POUND, ICE PACKED AND CO2 PACKED BROILER/FRYER PARTS, DELIVERED TO FIRST RECEIVERS IN POOL TRUCKLOT AND TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES. JANUARY 27, 2004

JANUARY 28, 2004

ITEM	CURRENT NEG TRADING*	WTD AVG**	VOL/LBS
BREAST - B/S	175	174.35	368,226
TENDERLOINS	160-165	157.72	115,070
BREAST - WITH RIBS	93-94	98.60	186,840
BREAST - LINE RUN	93	96.72	89,000
LEGS	42-43	43.95	185,161
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	32-33	31.65	682,151
DRUMSTICKS	38-39	42.30	188,410
THIGHS	37-38	43.16	102,590
B/S THIGHS	90-91	91.95	59,130
WINGS (WHOLE)	112-113	119.53	99,360
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	11.83	41,280
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	35-40	36.60	19,780
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	60-65	68.47	25,310

ITEM	CURRENT NEG TRADING*	WTD AVG**	VOL/LBS
BREAST - B/S	175-180	174.59	407,956
TENDERLOINS	160-165	166.04	66,680
BREAST - WITH RIBS	94-95	100.55	108,360
BREAST - LINE RUN	94	97.71	112,000
LEGS	43-44	41.98	261,120
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	33-34	33.32	267,140
DRUMSTICKS	38-39	43.83	106,680
THIGHS	37-38	44.50	53,880
B/S THIGHS	90-91	92.80	73,680
WINGS (WHOLE)	112-113	121.34	85,320
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	11.88	35,480
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	35-40	36.46	9,040
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	60-65	70.01	12,320

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INCLUDES: NY CITY METRO. AREA, RI, NORTHERN NJ, MA, CT, PA (NORTHEAST OF HARRISBURG).

\* TODAY'S NEGOTIATED SALES AS OF 11:30 A.M.

\*\* WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICE OF ALL GRADES AND BRANDS OF PRODUCT SHIPPED, OR TO BE SHIPPED AS OF 1:30 P.M.

## ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER OF BROILER-FRYERS (IN THOUSANDS)

	ESTIMATED	ACTUAL	AVG WTS	ACTUAL WTS
ALA	3,967	3,998	3,860	4,401
ARK	5,240	5,385	5,216	5,253
DELMARVA	2,252	2,326	1,089	2,256
KY-LA-TN	1,989	1,985	2,042	2,192
MISS	3,054	3,035	2,904	3,456
NC	2,284	945	1,333	2,650
TEXAS	2,234	2,463	2,386	2,030
TOTAL	21,020	20,137	18,830	22,238
MON-WED	59,751 (A)			56,913 (A)

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above.

Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 28-Jan is estimated to be 31,448,000 down 0.9 percent from a week ago and up 6.9 percent from a year ago.

(Last week 31,727,000; last year 29,409,000)

## SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA) PROCESSED POULTRY

DELIVERED TO RETAILERS	RANGE
FRESH FRYERS	92-98
ROASTERS 4# & UP	81-95
HENS UNDER 5#	-
HENS OVER 5#	60-63
DUCKS	-
RABBITS-WHOLE	-
RABBITS-CUT UP	-

## SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED POULTRY

DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS	
FRESH FRYERS	ICE PACK 100-101
	DRY PACK 102-104
ROASTERS 4# & UP	ICE PACK 105
	DRY PACK 89-105
HENS OVER 5#	ICE PACK 91
	DRY PACK 89
DUCKS	152-175

**ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER**

UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION FOR WEEK ENDING 31-JAN-04

CLASS	CURRENT WEEK	PREVIOUS WEEK
	01/31/04 (1)	01/24/04
THOUSAND HEAD		
BRO-FRY	157,658 (2)	151,364
LT HENS	1,389	1,573
HVY HENS	1,299	1,268
CHECK TOTAL	160,346	154,205

**(1) ESTIMATED**

(2) The estimated number of broiler-fryers available for slaughter the week ending 31-Jan-04 is 158.4 million head compared to 153.0 million head slaughtered the same week last year. The estimated U.S. slaughter this week is 158.0 million head or 0.4 million less than estimated available. For week of 07-Feb-04 the estimated available is 159.1 million head.

**WEEKLY COLD STORAGE HOLDINGS-SELECTED STGE CENTERS**

(INCL GOVT STOCKS) (IN THOUSANDS)

	PROCESSED TURKEY	PROCESSED POULTRY
	LBS	LBS
AM 01/26/04	134,811	41,686
AM 01/01/04	119,108	43,610
CHG	15,703	-1,924
PCT CHG	13	-4

**COLD STORAGE MOVEMENT** (IN THOUSANDS)

	PROCESSED TURKEYS			PROCESSED POULTRY		
	01/26/04	01/19/04	01/27/03	01/26/04	01/19/04	01/27/03
<b>PACIFIC</b>						
<b>COAST</b>	6,255	6,257	7,717	4,188	3,954	5,424
<b>LOS ANGELES</b>	429	421	1,381	1,917	1,805	4,001

**CENTRAL MISCELLANEOUS POULTRY RTC HENS**

READY-TO-COOK PRICES NEGOTIATED FOR DELIVERY TO FIRST RECEIVERS, U.S. GRADE A AND PLANT GRADE, 5 LBS. AND UP, FOR WEEK OF JANUARY 26, 2004

HENS	ICE PACKED (12 PER BOX)	RANGE
		58-65
	VACUUM PACKED (6-9 PER BOX)	66-76

**HACKETTSTOWN POULTRY SALES****FOR 01/27/04**

AI PAPERS REQUIRED TO SELL ALL OUT OF STATE POULTRY

	LOW HIGH AVG				LOW HIGH AVG		
HEAVY FOWL lb.	.60	.90	.75	HEAVY FOWL ea.	-	-	-
LIGHT FOWL lb.	-	-	-	LIGHT FOWL ea.	-	-	-
MIXED FOWL lb.	-	.60	-	MIXED FOWL ea.	-	-	-
BANTAMS lb.	-	-	-	BANTAMS ea.	-	-	-
BROILERS lb.	-	-	-	BROILERS ea.	-	-	-
ROASTERS lb.	-	-	-	ROASTERS ea.	-	-	-
FRYERS lb.	-	-	-	FRYERS ea.	-	-	-
CHICKS lb.	-	-	-	CHICKS ea.	-	-	-
PULLETS lb.	-	-	-	PULLETS ea.	-	-	-
BUNNIES lb.	-	-	-	BUNNIES ea.	-	-	-
ROOSTERS lb.	.90	1.50	1.17	ROOSTERS ea.	-	4.25	-
GEESE lb.	-	.55	-	GEESE ea.	-	-	-
TURKEYS lb.	-	-	-	TURKEYS ea.	-	-	-
DUCKS lb.	.95	1.55	1.18	DUCKS ea.	-	-	-
RABBITS lb.	-	1.05	-	RABBITS ea.	-	3.25	-
PIGEONS lb.	-	-	-	PIGEONS ea.	-	-	-
GUINEA FOWL lb.	-	-	-	GUINEA FOWL ea.	-	-	-
DUCKLINGS lb.	-	-	-	DUCKLINGS ea.	-	-	-
GUINEA KEETS ea.	-	-	-	CALL DUCKS ea.	-	-	-
SILKIES ea.	-	-	-	GOSLINGS ea.	-	-	-
GUINEA PIGS ea.	-	-	-	TURKEY POULTS ea.	-	-	-
CHUKARS ea.	-	-	-				
TOTAL COOPS	20						

**MAJOR WHOLESALE MARKETS - Mexico City**

Cents per pound for the week ending January 123,2004

	Whole		Legs	Necks, Back	Livers/	Hens
	Chickens	Breasts	w/ Thighs	& Wings	Gizzards	
<b>RAYON</b>						
Low	58.15	116.30	74.77	12.46	12.46	56.07
High	60.23	124.61	83.07	20.77	16.61	56.07
Mostly	58.98	124.61	83.07	16.61	16.61	56.07

**SAN JUAN**

Low	58.15	116.30	74.77	12.46	12.46	58.15
High	59.81	124.61	83.07	16.61	16.61	58.15
Mostly	58.98	116.30	74.77	16.61	16.61	58.15

**NEW SAN JUAN**

Low	58.15	116.30	74.77	12.46	12.46	58.15
High	60.23	124.61	83.07	16.61	16.61	58.15
Mostly	59.40	124.61	74.77	16.61	16.61	58.15

**BECERRA**

Low	58.98	116.30	74.77	12.46	12.46	58.15
High	60.23	124.61	83.07	16.61	16.61	58.15
Mostly	59.40	124.61	83.07	16.61	16.61	58.15

**DELMARVA** Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds remained active. Sellers generally looked to fill orders from barely adequate to short supplies due to cutbacks in operations caused by ongoing hazardous weather conditions. Live supplies were at least moderate; weights were mostly desirable. Processor schedules were mostly moderate. Less than trucklot asking prices were 1 cent higher at 75 to 85 cents. Trade sentiment was fully steady to firm. In the parts complex, supplies were barely adequate to short to most cuts.

\*BROILER/FRYER CURRENT NEGOTIATED PRICES FOR IMMEDIATE DELIVERY INCLUDES MOSTLY MULTIPLE-DROP SHIPMENTS OF BRANDED AND WING TAGGED TO NEW YORK CITY FROM DELMARVA

RANGE	BRANDED
	U.S. GRADE A
WEIGHTED AVERAGE	74-85
NO. OF BOXES	76.80
	7,590

\*7 of 7 plants reporting.

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